**GREETINGS TO** 

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR 1918-

(Signed)

EDWARD P. JONES.

BISHOP-ELECT DEMBY.

service within the United States, As

this will be an epoch-making event

in the religious life of colored Ameri-

cans, the election of a Suffragan

Bishop for Arkansas has an impor-

tance beyond the limits of that special

Should Archdeacon Demby accept

his election, which we believe he will,

he will carry into that high office

the same devotion, consecration and

mous election.-Omaha Monitor.

ally on whom it can rely.

Such a statement reaches the sublim

the minds of a misguided people.

fustice and equity.

-Boston Chronicle.

MRS. BEDFORD DIES IN ATLANTA.

life December 9th, 1917, in Atlanta, Ga. She was sick only a short while,

but Lore her illness patiently. We

apprediate deeds of kindness and

sympa hizing words from our friends. Mrs. ledford was a faithful member

of Molaic Templars and an ear

church worker. She leaves to m

GA.

diocese and communion

his entire ministry.

es and teaches.

# DR. EDWARD P. JONES APPOINTS RAILROAD COMMISSION

REPRESENTATION FROM EACH STAR CO-OPERATON OF SECRE-TARY MCA O TO BE SOUGH PROMINENT PASTORS OUD COMMISSION WIL CALL TING.

Dr Hollis B. Frissell. whose twenty-

pionest school for the industrial train-

educational statesman, declared, short-

ly before his death, a belief in the

are dying of starvation. For years to

food will be one of the great prob-

"There are twelve million blacks in

"Hampton Institute has been train

ers of the e people. It has sent out

nearly ten thousand young people

their race in better methods of farm-

"Hampton prepares its young peo

ple to be instructors-the boys in farm-

ing and the girls in cooking, garden-

ing, canning, and all that makes for

Enlightened Leadership.

what he can do and is most willing

work of ten to fifteer bersons at home

We have not vet begun in the United

We are not capitalizing at anything

like its full value he abundant but

relatively untrained supply of farm

labor which is represented in the South by a vast array of willing color-

Negroes Meet the Crisis.

Dr. Frissell spent thirty-seven prec

lous years in helping colored men and

women to develop their latent powers,

He instilled in thousands upon thou-

sands of colored citizens the ideal of

The reflu of Dr. Frissell's life and

work, at and through Hampton Insti-

tute is clearly shown, for example, in

the work of the Negro Organization

Under the leadership of Allen W

Washington, this Society touches the

lives of over 350,000 colored citizens

of Virginia. It has been co-operating

cheerfully and successfully with Her

Food Administration propaganda.

bert Hoover and his associates in the

Today Negroes by the hundreds of

Intelligence enthusiasm, and vision

The Negro always has stood, and al

ways will stand, by his white friends, whether in the field of military service

The Negro stands ready today to

help his white neighbors carry this war to successful finish and win a last-

ing victory for intelligent, Christian

CITIZENS FOR SCHOOL DEVEL

By E. B. Frazier.

OPMENT!

Lineville, Ala., Jan. 2.—100 Washington, Jr., of Tuskeg spoke at 11 o'clock at the B. Lineville, Ala., Jan.

of the town and secured \$200

and we are expecting the sta

contribute \$400, making a town

groes nearer together than eve

ever been done before.

Mr. Washington brought th

We have been trying to all a

or in the field of home activities

democracy.-Wm. Anthony

intelligent and unselish service.

Society of Virginia.

war.

States to train herrly as many Ne

gro leaders in farning and home

making as we should have.

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lems of his country.

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increased food supply.

question of raising sufficient

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 1.—Another appointment which was ordered by the National Baptist Convention in its last session in september in Atlanta was announded today, when President E. P. Jones, of this city, named the National Baptist Railroad Commission. There is to be a representative from each state and territorial conventice affiliated with the National Baptist Convention on this commission, whose duly it will be, as outlined by the Convention and is further stressed by President ing of Negro and Indian youth, made Jones, to make full and complete arrangements for the rates and accommodations for the delegates from the various localities to each session of the National Baptist Convention.

The first duty, therefore, devolving upon this commission will be the and arrangements for the next National Convention, which is to be held a Little Rock, Ark., September 1-2 It will be understood that al pastors of the churches at Rock, under Dr. J. P. Robin-

Il co-operate with the comand that the commission is a meeting for the purpose of their formal requests to the is through their Director Gen-Secretary McAddo, who is virin charge of frailroad condi-

the Director General representation of the Government will co-operate for them to instruct the masses of linging these religious bodies toannually. The personnel of ing. committee as announced is: is, Rev. B. J. Prince, Chicago; sas, Rev. R. B. Forter, Little

Alabama, Rev. A. C. Williams, rmingham; Florida, Rev. K. D. rritt, Marianna; Colorad , Rev. D. E. Cver, Denver, Connectiqit, Rev. W. B. Reed, Hartford; Missa sippi, Rev. I. W. Crawford, Jacksc; Georgia, Rev. S. W. Gore, —; Teris, Rev. H. W. Williams, Galvestor; Louisiana, Rev. J. L. Burrell, New Opens; Tenner ce, Henry Allen Boy), Nashville; Dk. homa, Kev. J. H. 3miley, Mus-kogee; South Carolina, Rev. E. W. Jones. —; Louisiana, Rev. J. N. Car-ter. New Orleans; Florida, Rev. R. H. Pittman, Palatka; Texas, Rev. M. E. Rebinson, Beaumont; Minois, Rev. C. Phillips, Golcondi; Indiana,

Rev. J. A. Alexander, Vic. nessee, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Kentucky, Rev. J. F. Drans, Arkansas, Rev. E. work; Tanis required in order to keep one man
(washville; amply supplied at the front. Bowling C. Cole A. A. Gal. St. Louis; Virginia, Rev. vin, Danville; Texas, Rev. J. S. Ladelle, Dallas; New York, Rev. W. W. Rhode Is-Brown, New York City; land, Rev. G. W. Smith, Newport; Maryland, Rev. G. W. Wijnston, Baltimore; Michigan, Rev. S. Cumby, Detroit; Deleware, Rev. Furch, Wilnington; Oregon, Rev. Magett, Port-

It is stated today by the President that he felt this commission would be able to co-operate with the railroads and transportation lines and thereby emedy many of the inconveniences about which there has been so much complaint. He further stated that Dr. B. J. Prince of Chicago, pastor of the Original Provident Baptist Church, whose palatial special train to Atlanta showed his ability to arrange for this, would in all probability designate the time of the meeting of this commission.

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THE LYNCHING RECORD FOR 1917.

There ewre thirty-eight persons lynched in 1917, of whom 36 were Negroes and 2 were whites. Thirtyseven were males and one female Twelve or a little less than one-third of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape. The offenses charged against the

whites lynched were: rape and murder, 1; fomenting strikes, 1.

The offenses charged against the Negroes were: Attempted rape, \$; rape 6; murder, 3; killing officer of the law, 2; for not getting out of road and being insolent, 2; attacking omen, 2; wounding officer of the v, 1; disputing white men's word entering woman's room, 2; mo-

ting women, 1; stealing coat, 1; inacy with woman, 1; killing man in ercation, 1; accidentally killing alld by running automobile over it, ; vagrancy, 1; wounding and robing a man, 1; attaching an officer of the law, 1; opposition to war draft, 1; insulting girls, 1; writing insolent

The states in which lynchings occurred and number in each state were follows: Alabama, 4; Arkansas, Arizona, 1; Florida, 1; Georgia, Kentucky, 2; Louisiana, 5; Mississippi, 1; Montana, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Scuth Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 3; Teves, 6; Virginia, 1; Wyoming, 1.

MRS. I. C. JAMES OF ST. LOUIS SPENDS HOLIDAYS WITH

SPENDS HOLIDAYS WITH

BISHOP PHILLIPS.

Mrs. I. C. James of St Louis, Mo., is spending the holidays with her father, Bishop Phillips. Mrs. James was accompanied by her baby boy nineteen months old. Both are look.

Spoke at 11 o clock at the Brillenem M. E. Church in the interest building a Rosenwald State school house for the colored citizens. The e was a large crowd out in spite of the unfavorable weather. The sim of \$190 was raised in cash. H can be a large to the white most banks. ing the picture of health. Mrs. James vassed among the white merthe wife of Dr. I. C. James, a popular young dentist of St. Louis. She movement of the new school well known in her home city and ing. The community will rais the Rosenwald Funds will giv being extended many social courte-

IN EVANSVILLE. Mrs. Wesley Maney and her mother, Mrs. L. M. Fields, of Lawrenceburg, are visiting friends and relatives in Evansville, Ind., where they school for years, and his visit are the recipients of much social rec-

### MR. CARY B. LEWIS NEW YEAR'S MARRIES

BELLIANT NUPTIALS OF PROMI-MENT COUPLE-INSTITUTION-AL CHURCH SCENE OF MAR-

By La Ursa W. Snelson.

TL TO BE CONTINUED. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.-Miss Bertha Lee Moseley, the only daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Beauregard F. Moseley, 6248 Sangamon street, was married Christmas day to Mr. Cary Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 24.-To the Baptists throughout the United States B. Lewis at the Institutional Church, of America: I extend to you my best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May the spirit of the 3825 Dearborn street, the Rev. Moses five cars of constructive work as Jackson officiating, Rev. A. J. Carey, principal of Hampton Institute, the assisting, it was the most brilliant Lowly Nazarene permeate the atmossocial function that has been witphere in every community. May this nessed in Chicago in many years. It Yuletide season, together with the brought together some of the leadprospects of 1918, oring gladness and joy to your hearts. May the Foring professional and business men in the "Windy City" and other parts of eign Mission Board in its recent lothe country. The wedging ceremony cation have the hearty and unstinted bower aud willingness of Negroes to took place at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. The weeding march support of every true lover of mis meet the food crisis imposed on the world by the Great War. He said: "The coming need of the present sion work. May the churches take was played by Theo. T. Taylor, piano; on new life, new courage, and may Harrison Emanual, violin; Walter T. the Sunday school forces under the leadership of the churches redouble Gossette, organ. Miss Maude J. Thousands of people on the other side Roberts, the noted soprano soloist, their efforts. In fact, I am urging dressed in white satin with an over that every member of the denomina dress of gold lace, fur trimmed and tion, whether at home or abroad, carry out the plan and purpose re wearing a corsage bouquet of white cently adopted at the Atlanta meetroses and ferns, brocaded satin slippers and large picture hat made of ing. Some of the things I am espectace tulle, sang "Because." To the ially urging you to give your attenthis country, nearly 80 per cent of strains of "Here Comes the Bride" tion to are: First, the spiritual weldown the center aisle came Hortense fare of every church, be it ever so Hall and Lydia Cole, bearing sceptres, humble; 2nd, the spirit of missions ing agricultural and industrial leadwhich were covered with yellow and at home and abroad; take special white chrysanthemums. Marion ir-ving and Louise Conway were ribbon ous departments of religious endeavbearers for the left aisle, Roma Rowor; third, the effort in the establishan and Juanita Emanual for the cenment of our religious educational ter aisle and Marvol Clinkscale and work; help us by sending in a dona-Welda Kennedy for the right aisle. tion to the Theological and Training They were followed by the maid of Seminary that has recently been honor, Miss Lillian Johnson, and the purchased; then join in in helping us bride's maids, Misses Swersie Mcto furnish Bibles and song books to Gooden, Helen Perry and Hazel Har-risonson, La Porte, Ind. The matron are in camps. I hope to meet and of honor was Mrs. P. M. Santos, shake hands with all the leaders at Springfield, Ill. The maid of honor and bride's maids were beautifully gowned in pale yellow satin, draped What Hampton Institute has tried with gold lace, wore gold slippers, Rock, Ark., next September. to do on a limited scale must be done on a National scale, if the Negro is large picture hats of pale yellow chif fon and satin ribbon and carried to be given the opportunity of doing muffs of chiffon and satin. The bride came down the center aisle resting to do, not only to serve more efficientupon the arm of her father and was The Diocese of Arkansas has again ly in the United States Army and Navy, but also to help wint the final preceded by the little flower girl, Wendell Brown. The bridegroom and hown wise discrimination in the election of a Bishop Suffragan for work victory for democracy hrough better his best man came from a side door among the colored people of that Dioleft of the altar. The bridegroom cese. Archdeacon Demby, like Arch-The United States must have a large rev C W. Morris, Indianapolis; Kennumber of traited Negro yeachers of the ring bearer. The bride, who is constraint, Rev. J. T. All, Philatonia, Constraint Constrain was preceded by little Edward Birsch, and princess lace and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and or-

Dr. C. V. Lowe, a vetenarian,

was best man and the groomsmen

were Dr. H. Reginald Smith, one of

Chicago's most prominent physicians,

Mr. Leonard Haley, Louisville, Ky., a

beloved cham, and Walter Anderson,

a real estate dealer. The groom and

groomsmen wore cut-away coats, grey

trousers, grey gloves and grey neck-

The bridal party was tendered

bridal dinner following the wedding

chids.

by Mr. and Mrs. Moseley at their home, 6248 Sangamon street. At 8 o'clock a reception was held at the Hotel Idlewild, 33rd and Wash Ave. Hundreds and hundreds of friends called and were served a luncheon. There was dancing. The rooms of the hotel were decorated in keeping with the Yuletide season in red and green and a center table was used for the service of the bridal party. The "newly weds" stole away during the reception and took a train for Benton Harbor, Michigan, stopping with Mrs. Val P. Mitchem for a week of "honeymooning." The ushers were Messrs. William Kelley, Sam Fielding, Benj. Martin, Fred The Reeves and Dave Lawrence. reception at the Idlewild Hotel was in charge of Mr. Julius N. Avendorph. who presented the guests to the brithousands, scattered throughout the dal party. Mrs. Lewis is a gradunation, are seriously devoting them ate of the Englewood High School, selves to making workable plans for University of Chicago, Teacher's Colincreasing the nation's supply of food lege, Chicago, a teacher in the Whitand conserving the products of the ney School, instructor in dancing at farm through a more intelligent use the Farren and Coleman Community of those products in the kitchen. Ne Centers. President of the Young groes are meeting squarely and suc Peoples' Lyceum, Grace Presbyterian cessfully the food crisis imposed by Church, member of Executive Committee of the Urban League and President of the Chicago Sorority have always ome as results of far- Club and one of the leaders of Chicaseeing white eople being willing to go's ounger social set. Mr. Lewis is take their coloued neighbors into their the city easter or the Cargo Decounsels and to share with them the fender. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis received responsibility of carrying on this a large number of valuable, handsome and useful presents. Mr. Plummer Lewis, Sr., a veteran soldier of the Civil War, blind, father of the groom, attended the wedding. He came from Louisville, Ky., and stopped with his brother, Mr. Buchanan Lewis, 5400 S. Park avenue. Mr. Plummer Lewis gave the bride and groom a check for one hundred dollars and Attorney Moseley gave them ten lots in Idlewild, Mich., and two lots in Morgan Park, Chicago. They will be at home to their friends Jan.

THE GLOBE LEADS.

The holiday issues of many of our exchanges are at hand and while they all show greater volume of business they have not seemed to make any particular advancement in furnishing a number in keeping with the season. Locally our esteemed contemporary the Citizen Advocate, presented a highly creditable issue which could not help being appreciated. The Broad Axes comes to us 16 pages on book paper, which is indeed a worthy accomplishment. The Nashville Globe \$400 in three section of 8 pages each will perhaps carry of the prizes as the biggest issue. Others have not as yet reached our desk.

Dr. G. H. A. Bryant of Humboldt their loss two daughters. Mrs. has Tenn., paid us a flying visit. He brought Hartley of Atlanta, Mrs. J. H. Fr. has with him for operation Mrs. Roch lin of this city, a mother four Simms of the above named place. l ters and six brothers

### EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION BAPTISTS

AT MANY PLACES-ALL SCHOOLS HOLD EXERCISES-LARGE ATTENDANCES PRES-BEST WISHES FOR ALL THE CHURCHES-SPIRIT OF ACTIVI-

> The following program was creditably and successfully executed at Meharry Auditorium: PROGRAM.

> Singing-"Onward Christian Soldiers"-Congregation. Invocation.

> Selection-Meharry Orchestra. Remarks-Master of Ceremony, W. C. Nixon, Pres. of Senior Dental Class Reading of Emancipation Proclama

tion-Miss Olivia Hamilton, Nurse Training Department. Oration-"An Unjust Condition"-W. B. Dawlen, College Department,

Walden. Song-Young Men's Glee Club-Walden University. Oration-"The Negro the Father of Civilization and the World's Stand-

ard"-O. C. Lewis, Pharmaceutical Department. ration—"A New Day"—Miss Ethel Miller, Nurse Training Department

election-Meharry Orchestra. -"The American Negro"-T. A. Smith, Walden Prep. Dept. Oration-"A twofold Heritage"-T. Tildon, Soph. Medical Class. Solo-"Love Here is My Heart"-Mrs. J. C. Wright.

Oration-"Preparedness De mand of the Age"-M. C. Bolton, Soph. Dental Class. Song-"Gloria"-Choral Walden University.

The unusually large and handsomely dressed audience which alour Sunday School Congress in ways greets the favored participants Alexandria, La., next June and at the who render the Emancipation pro-National Baptist Convention in Little gram on January 1st of each year, filled the spacious Meharry Auditorium to overflowing last morning. Walden College, the honored mother of Meharry shared the honor of the day with her distinguished daughter, Dr. E. A. White, the honored and beloved president of Walden College is striving and meeting with much success in keeping alive the real spirit of love and dedeacon itussell, who declined the votion which Walden has ever had election, is a man of proven ability for her offspring, Meharry. As a fond in a trying and difficult field. He mother looks upon the lovely, beauknows the bouth thoroughly, having tiful, biossoming young womanhood spent the greater portion of his min-istry there. He is a man of sound blush of young maidenhood evolves scholarship, broad sympathies, great into the more beautiful and fruitful tragical chapter. The men who have Word of God should accompany these missionary zeal, decided administra- young womanhood, so under the wise tive ability and of uncompromising guidance of Dr. White, Walden Colloyalty to the faith which he professlege views the progress of her eldest daughter, Meharry and whenever pos-The Anglican communion, to which sible lends a helping hand and bethe Episcopal Church belongs, has stows an approving smile. Walden given the priesthood to hundreds of this year as last joined in the promen of African blood and descent, gram to help make the day memorand has elevated some six or seven able. Her numbers on the program to the episcopate. The American were edifying and inspiring. Episcopal Church has given the epis- fond wish of Mcharry is that this two colored priests, the late reciprocal relation my ever exist. James Theodore Holly and the late As the fond parents direct and ad-Samuel David Ferguson, but their mire the efforts of their children to sees lay outside of the United States. follow their precepts and good ex-The Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas amples so Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard grace will be the first colored priest of the these occasions with their presence American church to be consecrated for and give approval to all worthy ef-

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

forts. Every department was effi-

ciently represented. The literary

department as well as the Medical

Dental, Pharmaceutical and Nurse

Training.

Meharry is always glad to welcome visitors. Dr. H. H. Walker, now bearing the distinguished title high ideals which have characterized of Captain in the U.S. Army, graced the Emancipation Day platform, in We congratulate Arkansas and his military garb. He had words of Archdeacon Demby upon this unantcheer and hope to offer to the 400 Meharry men who had enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps. Dr. J. IS GOD AN ALLY OF THE KAISER? Tildon of Fort Worth, Texas, father The German Kaiser in a speech to of the Tilden brothers now in Meharhis second army is reported to have ry honored the institution by a visit said: "The year 1917 with its great to his two sons and son-in-law. He battles has proved that the German sat upon the platform and when in-Leople have in the Lord of Creation troduced spoke words of cheer and above an unconditional and avowed commendation to the large audience Without who witnessed the Emancipation Ex-Him all would have been in vain!"

Dr. E. J. Gunn and wife visited the ity of egoism, and is only a para- Colleges January 1st.

The Rock City Academy of Medi phrase of the exploded dictum of a much deluded Napoleon, which a decine held a reception in honor of luded Kaiser seeks to perpetuate on Capt. H. H. Walker at the Y. M. C. A., Wednesday night. The members History has proved that God was of the Academy and Dr. M. C. Mit not on the side of the strongest bat- chell of Montezuma, Ga., allion; and Napolean met his Water- eight operative cases into the hospital this week. The phenominal suc It must now be clearer than ever in cess which attended the former four the minds of the American people cases brought by the good doctor that this Teuton bragart is re-gave confidence to others suffering. solved to have no other peace than a The student body in all the de peace lictated from Berlin, on terms partments has been flooded with boxes of good things to eat and parwhich would leave th eworld in a worse state of turmoil than the pres. cels of pretty things to wear. These came from relatives and interested friends. Peace, to be an enduring peace,

Dr. O. B. Taylor of the faculty must opme neither through the "iron reports a very pleasant time at leaders for a general massacre of fish" nor the "shining sword" of the Springfield, Tenn., last week, where and all persons who crossed th Kaiser, but through the united effort he visited the hospitable home of path. and unfaltering determination of a world awakened to the perils of a Dr. and Mrs. T. Howard Bullard. German victory, determined that God Dr. Bullard is a very successful physician and is making good, both as is not an ally of the German war lord, but on the contrary an ally of at Meharry, "T. H." was always in lice were to blame. By the foremost ranks, a leading Y. M. C. A. and Sunday school worker. Mrs. Bullard is truly the angel of the home and her manner of house keep- outbreak tha ing is sufficient to revolutionize the Mys. Ella V. Bedford departed this

elor.

mind of the most skeptical old bachting friends at Meha city. The student given a rareatr re by Serge has spen

# EMPLOYEES OF NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD SET A PRECEDENT

NASHVILLE FOLKS OBSERVE DAY FOREGO NEW YEAR'S DINNER-WILL DONATE BIBLES TO SOLDIE 3-RINGING RESOLUTIONS PASSED EXERCISES IN CHAPEL ON . ARY 1ST-NO EATABLES.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY TRAGEDY

Comments by the White Press. Houston and East St. Louis.

From the Pueblo (Colo.) Chieftain, Dec. 14.

tences that were imposed on the for tomorrow, a menu had same time the people of the country it seems that the patriotic spirit will demand that a similar punish among the employees had been toned ment be meted to the white men who up to a high pitch. A number of them killed the Negroes in East St. Louis a few weeks before the occurrence at Houston. If anything, the acts of jers, the white people in East St. Louis were far more grave than the acts of the Negroes in Houston. In no manner was either act excusable, and the military authority exercised wise judgment in inflicting a sure and quick punishment on the Negroes. If the civil population in East St. Louis fail to inflict a similar punishment on the men who were guilty of those murders and crimes, it will only go to show that our government falls down in certain circumstances. and it will only go to increase the feeling that punishment is not fairly

Uniform Should Have Protection. From the Buffalo Courier, December 12, 1917.

meted out.

The grim, melancholy the mutiny and riot of Negro sol-diers of the Twenty-fourth In(antry Tuesday at Houston was enacted yesterday the employees, he readily consented when on a government reservation thirteen of these, including five noncommissioned officers, with heads erect, untrembling, singing a hymn, as the dispatches recite, marched to the place of execution and on a great gallows were hanged until they were dead. As further prescribed by the court-martial findings, forty-one others will go to prison for life. A few received shorter sentences. Of the sixty-three tried, five were acquitted.

Hardly in the history of the American army is found a parallel of this fact that you are willing that the ence of orders, and of lawless con- rifleing in this patriotic way means duct, and of killing civilians. They were as guilty of murder as are the white lynchers of Texas who go unpunished. Justice and military discipline required that the extreme penalty be exacted. Probably with the military court procedure no fault can fairly be found. The judgment can be accepted as righteous and the exeention as necessary.

regular army has a long general rec- ure of confidence of the flower of and bitter resentment were stirred by continual abusive aggression by whites as low in the intellectual if not in the common social scale.

The states have authority within their territory. They may allow Texans to lynch a Negro because he is black, Georgians to lynch a Jew because of his race. But the uniform of the United States army should everywhere in the United States have both protection and respect, whatever wearer, and, especially in this time military power of the nation should, if needful, be exercised to insure such protection and respect.

> Mistreatment Not Execusable. From New York World.

"The hanging of thirteen Negro soldiers, who participated in the Houston riot last August, was the most drastic military punishment i the history of the United States. Forty-one others were sentenced to

serve shorter terms. "It was a terrible crime that these men committed. It has been terribly punished, and justly and properly punished. No excuse could be made. no leniency shown to the men in the United States uniform who set out deliberately to commit indiscriminate They were soldiers wh had been trained to military disc pline, and in defiance of officers the organized a mob under their

"At the same time, the He riot and the events growing o should be a warning to Son toward Negro soldier feeling of bitter, finally respon

(From Nashville Daily Banner.) Rather than eat turkey with cranberries as has been their custom for the past twenty years on New Year's Day, he employees of the National Baptist Publishing Board decided that they would rather have the cost of the sumptuous dinner converted into religious literature and sent to the soldiers in the various camps. the past score of years the Rev. R. H. Boyd, the secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, together with his Board, has given a New Year's Dinner to all of the employ-"The people of the United States ees and their families. Preparations will generally approve of the sen- for this dinner had already been made members of the colored regiment who agreed upon and a caterer selected mutinied at Houston, Texas. At the to serve the dinner. In spite of this,

> lee benefit concert given for the sold-It seems that the thought lingered among them and on Saturday they took their noon lunch hour and held a rousing demonstration meeting in the chapel of the Publishing House plant. Patriotic addresses were delivered and finally resolutions were offered by one of the young ladies, the head of the proof reading department, requesting that in view of the fact that the boys at the front were not being given sufficient religious literature, that they sacrifice their dinner in order the proceeds might be converted into Bibles, song books, etc.

had recently participated in the jubi-

Rev. Dr. Ellington, the editorial ecretary, made a stirring address, which was followed by Mr. Wm. Franklin, Mr. W. C. Cheers, Miss N. E. King, Mr. L. S. Gray, Mr. Wm. Jennings, Mr. L. K. Thomas, and others. Finally it was decided to send for Dr. Boyd When he was apprized of the action of and declared "You have set a beautiful precedent in depriving yourselves of this New Year's dinner in order that your boys who have volunteered for the army might get an ocular demonstration of your interest in them, and I shall request our board to take the three hundred dollars or more that this dinner usually costs us and send it in literature to the boys in the trenches and those in the camps Success is already assured. The very boys as they go and that you are sac success to our cause," declared the

Continued on page 8.)

A NATURAL BORN LEADER. J. C. Napier is holding the National Negro Business League true to the ideals and standards set by its founder, Dr. Booker T. Washington, and the tremendous outpouring at the Nevertheless, the Twenty-fourth Chattanooga meeting last August indi-Regiment of Negro infantry of the cated that he enjoys the fullest measord of efficiency and constancy which race that followed the late "wizard," this gloomy episode may hardly im- The League will shortly set the place pair. During the time when a battal- and date of the 1918 session and it ion of the organization was in garri- will begin at once to lay their plans son at Fort Porter in this city, never goes without the saying that the clans was a complaint of misconduct heard. to be present. Mr. Napier is a natural As far as deportment is concerned, leader of men and under his wise and never did any troops stationed here painstaking guidance the National preserve a cleaner slate. There is no Negro Business League will grow doubt that in the minds of the sol- stronger year by year and inspire the diers who mutinfed at Houston passion | colored American to bigger things in the world of commerce and industry.

R. W. Thompson in Indianapolis Freeman.

FIGHTING BEFORE THEY GET TO THE WAR.

The white people at Vicksburg, Mississippi, who a few days ago insulted and humiliated the colored officers there and made them pull off their unibe the race or color or creed of the forms, made a mistake. White people should know better than to do a thing of great war, the whole civil and of that kind. Gentlemen, this is war time. The place to fight is in the army.—Dallas Express.

THE DUTY OF ALL. It is the duty of can to elevate try and through education hun

-Galv